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## SEVEN VICTIMS OF ONE DUEL.

#### Prominent Kentuckians Three Killed and Four Wounded -Crowd Stampeded.

Former Congressman Colson Killed Lieutenant Scott in Crowded Hotel Lobby-Personal Feud Caused Tragedy,

- Exemply a of enterin fermer,
- Wounded.
- AVID G. COISON of Millied-rough, forcer ngressman from the Electric Protests and Islanearly above in both some notice schow; hone elimi-
- PERCENTAGE SPINITAL
- Prankfort, Ky., Jun. 16 In a plotol cohe in the crawded labby of the Capted Hotel to-day, shortly after noon, ex-Congressman David G. Colson and Licutes ant Erhelbert Scott faught to a deadly en I a quarrel that originated between them while in camp at Anniaton, Als., during the Spanish-American war, of the eighteen shots fired by them in less than two minsites, thirteen indeed in the holles of the participants and several hystanders, resultng in the death of three mrn and the serious or paintul wounding of four others.
- have been killed or wounded, for there lobby, and three of the four stray shars almost certainly would have struck some one. One of the shots was above the head of any rann and made a tiny hole in one of the big glass windows. The other three stray bullets struck the walls, one passing within a foot of the head of County Attorhey James Polsgrove, one going near the head of Mr. Elchard Paxton of Anderson County, who was sitting with Mr. Julian, and the third striking the letter case in the hotel office, within a foot of Mr. Los Suter, a member of the found of Public
- of Louisville. No trace could be found of the eighteenth builet, and there is a possibility that only

Crowd Stampeded. That others were not wounded seems lets, several passed entirely through Lieu tenant Scott's body, and from seventy to one hundred men were standing to the lobby, making a crowd through which it would seem that a builet could not pass unimpoded without going zigzag. The only explanation is that ten or twelve men, who were in range, dropped they a shot to the and the bullets passed over them. In this recumbent position they by until the shooting was over, or else crawled rapidly on all fours to the doors and escaped, so that when the smoke of the big 44 and 28 caliber pistols had cleared away only three or four of the seventy or one

Mr. Suter, Colonel Jacob Houser, Chief of the Louisville Police Department, and Mr. J. C. C. Mayo, a Democratic Election Commissioner from the county of Johnson, who was sitting and talking with Color Oblson when the tragedy began,

hundred men remained in the lobby. These

Neither politics nor any other traged; has caused such excitement at the capital of the State as the deadly duel of to-day for the public was already so on the tip toe of expectancy on account of Republicathreats of rict that every man's first thought was:

"Riot is on, and what will be the end" Dead and Wounded.

When the smoke had lifted and rolled in a heavy cloud against the fresched ceiling of the lobby, the frightened crowd, now having partially recovered from the first persution which made them run for sufetr. ventured, courbonsly at first, and then a surging stream, back into the broad job where they beheld stretched across the floor the body of Luther Demarce, dead, with three bullets through his heart, all lodged within a radius as small as that of a sit ver dellar. Hastening to the balus trade that overlooks the stairway leading to the busement and the bar, they saw the pule, upturned face of Ethelbert Scott, dead. and bloody from the seven bullet-holes and the heavy fall down the stairs, which ; built in the back of the head, deliberate ly aimed by Colonel Coison, caused him to

Those quickest at the head of the stairway saw the retreating figure of Colonel Colson, pistol in hand, as he hurriesty passed out the havement door.

Others who were hurrying back to the lobby, though not quite us precipitatedly as they had retreated, butted into Mr. Julian and Captain Golden, who, bleeding profunely from their wounds, were hastening out of the rear office doors into the main

"I'm shot; get a doctor," said Captain Golden, as he rushed up to ex-Governor James B. McCreary in the hall, where several ladies, who were standing at the office door when the shooting began, were hurrying toward the parior in a great state

"Help the to a room," said Mr. Julian, who, with a builet in his left leg, limped into the hall. He was carried to a room at the lower end of the hall, and there bied to death in twenty minutes.

Harry McEwan, who was shot in the Foot, came into the hall and was carried to a doctor's office. In the basement of the hotel was Mr. Redpath, the Chicago drummer, against whom Scott had run or fallen. Politicians Excited.

The wildest stories were set affoat, no one at first really knowing what was the cause of the shooting and all naturally inclining to the belief, on account of the excited politlest situation, that political factions were at war. Several boys out of breath run to the Statchouse and told a few members of the Legislature that a number of men were killed and many wounded in a pitched battle in the Capitol Hotel lobby. The sessions of the two houses were almost at an end Colonel Colson's countenance. He rose and scores of members rushed over to the from his chair, and either while rising or

MARLES IN THE LABOUR PROOF STATE OF STA

newsl of mountain men surred, almo no Bedfith face. His was wantern sper and his curry half was tunifed. He fay et his back, with his body on the busemen floor, his head on the first step, and a empty pister at his left side.

It was hours before the stories of the witnesses could be wagen regether into temphon shape. Even new there are see Who Fired First!

"Who fired the first shot?" This question many person his Rosemon through there is now "Scatt has been following Colors all day

the intention of accommuniting him," on Colsen's Intends. 's often built been gloring menacingly a on, else more interest by standers may goot and fielder, and he first the first shot," asserted the friends of Scott and

> principals will always tell two stories about the tragedy and events leading to it, nearly

> Colsen was Colonel of the Fourth Kenmonths during the Spanish American War at Anniscon, Als.

Stott was a Lieutemant, and Golden was menths before the music thir out. Colonel. on and Captain Cattle a had a dispulwhich resulted in the resignation of Golden, who at once returned to his home at Burbourville, Knox County. Colson and Licutement Scott also quarrelet, and the feeling between them became so litter that at resulted in a serious trouble wid

## Former Trouble.

After being mustered out and before level contagrant where Lieutenant Scott, and Blakeman were sitting, and it was charged that Colson seized Blakeman's bute and twisted it. Blokeman claimed that the son did this because he was sitting with

At any rate, a shooting followed, well

olson was wounded in the hip. Colson drew his pictol, but did not get un esperantry to shoot, because the provest guard rushed in and struck him over the head, The trouble between the two men originated Demarce, who was talking with some the regiment mustered out of service early He wanted to get away, and did not want ment to be numbered out. Scott week a horities. The rolling became such that lolson had Scott court-marilaled for heing ntextented while on duty, but he was leared at the trial.

After returning home, Colonel Colon act. fered a wartini stroke of paralysis on ne-

Several days and Scott went to Louisville from Somerset. He arrived here yesterday and had been drinking a little, Colonel Col on came here this marning from Middles buro, Cuptain Goldman came here pesteray. Many of their friends are now here, and some of them were soldlers, if they are

## Clared at Each Other.

The first mostles to day between the two men occurred on the street near the Capital Harst of Harlan County, Says he saw Scott and Golden standing at the next corner. lear the depot, in whilepered conversation. A friend of Gidden's says that Comen me defiant stare in the eye, almost stopping on the sudewalk. Each staimed to friends that the other had been on the warpath att the

About Elifo'clock, Sout and Golden went to the batel at the ladies' entrance sulled back to the first door leading into the tobby and stopped at the cigar counter to talk with Mr. Kill Chiun, a sun of Cal-"I was standing at the cigar counter,"

said Mr. Chinn, "when Scott and Golden his Colt's revolver and drawing his Smith ame up and the former soked me to go & Wesson, which was after he had been own in the basement to the mar and have | wounded in the left arm, Scott ran across calrink. I declined. He insisted and I said that I would go with him, though I did not want anything to drink. We reached the basement. He had emptied his pistel, and, center of the lobby, which it was necessary as he had already been wounded, his face to cross in order to get the steps leading was as white as a dead man's. He had a lown to the leasument. I stopped in the wild, scared look. As Scatt was about to enter of the lobby and told Scott to go on, go down the first step, Colonel Colson for but I would wait for him apatairs. Scott lowed across the lobby with his fresh platurned his head to hear what I had to say, while Golden advanced a few steps further back of the head. He had already away. I turned to me back to the chear been shot in the frent of the neck and counter and in a moment I heard the twice in the abdomen. The built in the

While this conversation was going on the stairs, and it was while falling that he Colonel Colson was sitting in a chair elightly tilled against the front wall of the lobby about ten feet from the main frent entrance, and at the side of one of the lobby, apparently looking directly neward the balastrade, fired once, and then folthe center where Seatt, Golden and China lowed Scott in hot pursuit. He fired two were talking. Colonel Colson was in con-Election Commissioner from Johanna Counthe contest trial. Mr. Myo was sitting as Colonel Colson's side, and was looking in-

Beginning of Duel.

tently in his face.

"All of a sudden," said Mr. Mayo, I saw an expression of unusual excitement on



face not before he arose, I thought I

could distinguish outside of my eye, as it

were, two men approaching, but I publ no

attention to that, as the lobby was full of

left hand. After firing several times he

circled around so no to put himself neater

to the center of the lobby, while Scott got

nearer to the corner farthest from the

custreav leading to the basement, I think

Scott got behind a man, who must have

heen Demarce, as Lemarce quickly fell to

and Colsen sum each other about the same

time, but not a single person seems to

Colson Used Two Revolvers.

tol, when Colson quickly rose and did like

rapid succession, Colonel Colson emptying

son first drew a 44-caliber Colt's long

barrel target plated from a belt at his left.

ble. After emptying this he hald it in one

of the big leather office chairs and drew a

He had been shooting toward the corner

were only a few feet apart. During this

first fasillade, and after Colson had circled

around to Scott's original position in the

friends. He grasped Demures and is said

to have held him as a protection, so that

three of Colson's builts pleaced his heart

There can be no doubt about this, as one

of the bullets went through Denuree's

heart and entire body, and, having spent

its force, went through Scott's clothes and

lodged against the skin on his breast. It

was found there, imbedded in the flesh,

possibility that it was fired by Scott, who

He arose with nearly all the others in the

he was wounded. He says that when the

two men began firing he started to grab

Colson's arm, but quickly concluded that

as they were not friends, he might be shot,

So he ran toward the hall door, and, when

half-way neross the lobby, a bullet struck

him in the small of the right side of the

back, near the button on the back of his

Golden Seriously Shot.

"I am shot," and dashed into the hall

and up toward the parlor, where he met ex-Governor McCreary and others, who took

him to room 5d, where he now lies in a

serious condition. It is asserted by some

that Golden also fired several shots. He

claims that he did not have a pistol and

While Colorel Colson was laying down

the lobby to the opposite corner. He was

trying to get down the stairway to the

tol and fired. The ball struck Scott in the

back of the head, sent him headlong down

struck Mr. Redpath, knocked him down-

almost knocked down Colson looked over

shots into Scott's back as he fell down the

stairs. He steeped over the body and went

out the side basement door, going up the

Scott Shot Seven Times.

Scott died as he struck the basement floor

He had been shot seven times, and as nearly

all the bullets passed through the body

street with the empty pistol in his hand.

stairs and broke his len.

He shouted:

enter of the lobby, Scott stepped behind

where Scott had placed blmself, and the

About eighteen shots were fired in

know which first made a hostile motion,

Mr. James Andrew Scott, who is Gol-

not kn - ten fred firet.

38-caliber Smith & Wessen,

in quick succession.

Colson steadled his pistol with his

sen told several friends that he tried to shoot around Demaree, who was his friend, but whom Sout held tightly. Mr. Julian was taken into a room and his cousin, Judge Ira Julian, was summoned from the Courthouse. The loss of blood and the sheek resulted in heart failure, and in

twenty minutes he was dead, Captain Golden was placed upon a bed and several physicians examined his wound. It was found that the builet had entered the right side of the small of the back, but it could not be located.

Colonel Colson went a square up the

"I found that I was getting in range, as I dropped to the fluor to escape the bulstreet toward the State Arsenal and stopped at Mrs. Williams's boarding-house, which Bir. J. N. Kehoe of Maysville had hist is the stopping place for many men from started toward Colson and Mayo. He was the mountains and most of whom are Colo going to speak to the latter. He saw Colnel Colson's followers. He went to the dinson got up, draw life platel, steady it with his left hand and begin shooting. He did ing-room, berrowed a pistol from a mountain friend and went to the room of another, where he said: The consensus of opinion is that Scott

"Get a doctor, I am shot in the arm." He still held the pistel in his right hand Doctor Hume was summoned, and he extracted the bullet, which had badly shattered the bone near the elbow of the left irm. It gave the Colonel great pain, causbug him to grit his teeth as if to mortal agmy. But he refused to take opintes while having the ball extracted. The Chief of Polica closely followed Colonel Colson to he house and placed him under arrest After the physician had cared for the wound, he was taken to jail, where he consuited with James Andrew Scott, his attor-

## Colson's Statement.

The Grand Jury was in session, and several witnesses were summoned to appear at once before that body. Among the most important were Messra, Mayo, Chinn, Haa ger and Sater.

Colonel Colson told several friends that Scott and Golden had been following him all the morning, and he said that Scott was the first to draw a pistol. He was of the impression that Captain Golden also had fired several shots.

He said that he would be able to prove a clear case of self-defen-

Captain Golden told friends to-night that he was satisfied he was shot by Colonel accidental or intentional.

Mr. Charles H. Jolian was sitting near Lieutenant Ethelbert Scott was about 29 the corner, with Mr. Elchard Paxton. A years old, and was a son of the former Sustray bullet, which must have been one of perintendent of the Lexington Insane Asythose fired by Coisen, though there is a ium. Superintendent Scott married ex-Goyernor Bradley's sister, and the Lieutenant ilso had a 28-caliber pixtol, struck Mr. Juwas their son. He was a young lawyer a itsn on the side of the calf of the left lox. Lexington when he persunded Governor the and ran out, limping and saying he Bradley to secure for him an appointment as an efficer in Colonel Colson's regiment Captain Golden was in the very milest of He was a large, hands one young man, with the affray, and it is not known exactly how

dark, curiy hair. Lather W. Demarce was about 25 years old, and was not married. He has a few relrtives at Shellsyville, where he was assistant postmuster. He owns a fine farm hear Shelbyville, and is said to have been worth

Charles H. Julian owned a fine farm nea Frankfort, He was a san of Alexander Ju-Han, and was about 4) years of age. He left wife, whom he married only a few years ago, and also an infant child.

## Colson's Career.

Colonel David G. Colson was born April 1. 1861, at Yellow Creek (now Middlesboro), Ky. He resided on a farm until 29 years old. During a portion of this time he attended the common schools, and for two years attended college. He took the juntor law course in the law department of the Kentucky University at Louisville.

In 1882 he went to Washington, D. C., to except a position in the Interior Department, where he remained two years, and in 1884 was appointed special examiner for the Pension bureau, in which capacity he served two years, during which time he traveled, with headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn.

In 1887 he returned to Bell County and was elected to the Kentucky Legislature In 1889 be was the Republican nomince for State Treasurer. In 1933 he was elected Mayor of Middlesboro, Ky., which position he resigned in December, 1895, to accept a seat in the United States Congress, to which he was elected in November, 1894. In 1896 he was re-elected to Congress. During his ervices he vacated his scat to accept a commission as Colonel of the Fourth Kentucky Regiment for service in the war with was also coming up the stairs, and was Spain

## Court-Martial Reviewed

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jun. 16.-With reference to the killing of Scott and others, Colonel J. Fyfe, late of the Third Tennes see Volunteer Infantry, who was president of a military board appointed by Masor General Joseph Wheeler, which tried Lieutenant Scott on the question of his compatency, capacity and good conduct, on charges preferred by Colonel Colson, said to-night:

there were a degen holes. With the Colus
pistel Colonel Colson had evidently shot him
in the neck and twice in the abdomen while
with the second he had shot him twice

to-night.

"More than once during the trial it looked and twice in the neck and twice in the abdomen while
with the second he had shot him twice

to-night.

"More than once during the trial it looked in the presence of the board by a way because the proceedings in the color of the board in the presence of the b

#### LEADING TOPICS --IN---TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Showers Wednesday: threatening Thursday; southeasterly

For Illinois-Threatening Wednesday; with showers in exterme southern portion; probably showers Thursday; casterly winds, shifting to southensterly.

For Arkansas-Colder and fair Wednesday, except showers in southeast portion; probably fair Thursday; southeasterly winds.

I. Seven Victims of a Kentucky Duel, Cannon Eour on the Tugela.

2. Chicago Canni Opens To-Day. Talk of Coalition Against England,

Burglar with a History. Brief Courtship of the Fayns.

Aspiring Young Republicans. 4. I velegates Adopt New Taction. Era of Darkness to End in February Salcons an Issue

General Wheeler Holds His Seat. 5. Arrival of Spanish Cannon.

Disappearance of Lily Palk.

6. Sporting News. Race-Track Results.

Limited Number of Western Juveniles. 7. Richardson Criticises Secretary Gage. Li Hung Chang Again in Favor.

Engagements and Other Society Event Senator Vest Speaks His Mind. The Castellanes Are Coming.

Convention of Lumbermen. 9. Rollway News. Raltimore and Ohio Meeting. Louis J. Silva Released.

II. New Corporations.

Undertakers Want Another Name

12. Grain and Produce. II Financial News.

Merchants' Exchange Committees 14. Live Stock Men in Convention. Death Ends His Claim.

and Colonel Colson's arraignment of the subaltern was one of the most severe caustic and zealous I have ever seen or heard, notwithstanding there were rumors that Scatt had said he would kill Colson tf his (Scott's) character was arraigned. "The testimony taken by the board

showed that Scott had noted the part of a spelled boy; that he was totally without military experience, training or discipline and that he resented his Colonel's efforts to 'break him in.' Colson charged that Scott was in the habit of drinking and lottering around saloens, remaining out of camp, and that he had never drilled but a time or two in the six months of service. Colonel Colson testified that Scott had frequently visited saloons.

"How do you know that I visited so toons?" asked Scott, glating at his aning onist, with his right hand hid under a big "Because I saw you there, sir."

"I went there to get a drink, sir."

#### Scott Discharged. The board recommended that Scott hi

discharged on the charge of incompetency. General Royal T. Frank, who succeeded General Wheeler in command of the Fourth Corps, approved the findings of the hourand sent them to Washington. Scott prosured a leave of absence, and after fer days returned and announced that he ha been to Washington and had "got it fixed" and would stay with the regiment. Things were no better between them, and

Colonel Colson preferred charges against him for disabedience of orders, disrespect to his commanding officer, and conduct to the prejudice of good order and military died pline, and asked that he be tried by a gen ersi court-martial. One of the specifications to the charges

next out an open defiance on the part of Scott of Colonel Colson's authority in the presence of other officers and he harbored a desperate and had character in his quarters after the Colonel had issued orders for his expulsion from the camp. General Frank scented serious trouble

and being always a peacemaker when pes albie sought to patch up the trouble as the regiment was soon to be mustered out and induced the Colonel to withdraw the charges. Colonel Colsor is charged with murder

and he come to bond until his examining trial. The Coroner est will be held to Cantain Golde

## CANNONS

The Heaviest Firing Yet Boccoccoccoccocc Heard in Natal Re-

Boers Evidently Fiercely Opposing Buller's

Rumor That a British Force Is Close to That City.

SPECIAL BY CARLE.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 17.-(Copyright, 1900, by James Gordon Bennett.; The Daily Mail pub lishes this dispatch from its special correspondent:

Pietermaritzburg, Tuesday, Jan. 16.—There was very heavy firing to the north yesterday. I believe that the Roers were

contesting the passage of the Tu | B . . . . . . . . . . . . gela River by General Buller. The howitzers were evidently

the heaviest yet heard in Natal.

There is a rumor current that a portion of the British force is near Ladysmith.

#### FIRING NEAR FRERE.

London, Jan. 17 .- The Exchange and Telegraph Company has received the following dispatch, dat | leave in Natal is broken this merning by ed Tuesday, January 16, from Pie-

"There is no news from the front, but heavy firing was heard to-day in the direction of Frere, Reros opposition.

Ladysmith."

SPECIAL BY CARLE. Pietermaritzburg, Jan. 16.-Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst. Very heavy artillery firing was heard yesterday at Frere and Chieveley in the direction of

## GENERAL ENGAGEMENT.

London, Jan. 17.-The Times

Springfield."

seem to have worked great havor Boer was completely disemboweled, another had his head clean shot off, and a comple of others were killed by the same shell,

among the dead. A number of Boar bodies and careneses of horses have been washed down intends Spruit, which became raging torrest during a heavy thunds

fired on by the liver artifliery, and sev-eral of them were hit. Soft-moved toillets and dam-dam cartridges have been found on wounded pris-

Volunteers carried the Boor dead off the hill and handed the bodies over to their contrades at the bottom. Over ninety were thus carried off Wagon Hill alone. WHITE IN SORE STRAITS.

the British fort at Eastward v Advices from the head langer at Ladysmith report that the attack on that place January 6 was disastrous to the British

and that Ladysmith appears to be in sore A MILITARY VIEW.

he left with two divisions, leaving one b fore Chieveley, he probably moved with the first to Frere and Springfield and thence to Potgieter's Drift. For the second he would choose another passage, as men would take the best part of a day to

servation. The movement continued would take it to a point west of Pougieter's Drift, as the next passage to the westward. or to the maps, is that on the roa

It is possible that General Warren's dion followed that road. In that case

"The army cope walch has been

## SITUATION SUMMARIZED.

#### Indications That the War Office Has Favorable News From Buller.

BY MILTON V. SNYDER,

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Lendon, Wednesday, Jan. 17.-Copyright, 180, by Jernes Gordon Rennett .- The atthe single item of news from Pletermaritzburg that very heavy firing was heard on Monday in the direction of the Tugsta.

From this, it is possible that hard fight-

ing has begun, and that the British are not eing allowed to cross the Tugola without Quethe other hand, in may be order that enburdment preliminary to the assault

of Colones or merely heavy artiflery in "A rumor is current here that a meant to cover the flank operations which portion of the British force is near, are now generally telleved to be going an n force on the British left and to the castword at Potefater's Derit.

The reports emanating from Duchan and Frere that General Watren has moved toward Weenen are now regarded as officially uspired to distract attention from General

It is believed that Warren is with or re clear to Buller The Natal telegrams which have arrived turing the last few days are not to be rusted, for the consors are not likely tot anything pass which would disclose

General Eulier's real Intentions. But while the nublic is in the dark, there every reason for saying that the War-Office has not only received news from General Haller, which it is keeping secret, ionthat the news has been of a most savis-

I am told on very good authority that since Sunday morning the War Office has been in possession of news, which it cannot give out until the aim of the combine! movement of Generals Doller and Warren

has been accomplished. What is patent to all is the change in the demeanor of high officials of the Wor Ofnce in the last few days.

An air of suppressed exultation has replaced the worried, serious mood. A little straw which perhaps shows in which way the wind is blowing is nound in the extreme gayety of General Wolseley

at a dinner party on Monday evening. I am told that these present thought that such levity was rather inappropriate, all the more so as the open talk is that Gen-eral Woiseley should most certainly be called to book for the plan of campaign which caused so disastrons a beginning. This unusual good humor on the part of Lord Wolseley, which was described to me us being quite remarkable, might be caused

by good news from the front. To back this supposition is the statement made by the military critic in this morntox's Leader, who is known to be exceptionally lucky in obtaining inside news, to the effect that on Monday morning Gen ral Warren's division was encamped between time had his headuparters, and Bethany, being five miles north of the former place, and that General Buller assuredly had one and it was believed two passages of the river in his bands.

## The British Plan.

A careful study of the topographical conditions shows the wisdom of such a con-centration on the extreme Braish left, and the plan would be to turn the height north-northwest of Colono, and thus compel their evacuation and then to attack the Boers on the left, between Builer and

There is considerable ground for believe by that the Boars around Ladysouth are preparing for some such attack, although they are not sure in which direction it will

A late dispatch from the besiezed rown A lote dispatch from the besieged form states that there are signs that Boer prep-ation were made for the purpose of retreat, the bills to the northwest being fortified, while a few big guns have been posted to command a possible approach Undoubtedly the burghers know the perit

which they are exposed, and, as they all

along have been excellently served by the

are perhaps by no means mysterious to Generals French and Gainere have both been busy making reconnoissances, the former toward Norval's Pont, and the lat-ter in the direction of Molteno and Storm-

berg, and they are waiting for re-enforce ner which indicates a possible concentration at Colesberg Bridge, Norval's Pont, Bethulie Bridge and Aliwal North for the defense of the Orange River on similar lines to those which prevailed a. Modder

# ON THE TUGELA.

ported Monday.

BATTLE HAS BEGUN,

Passage.

NEAR LADYSMITH.

busy and the firing is described as

termatitaburg:

It is probable that General Buller is engaging the enemy.

ARTILLERY AT WORK.

## Springfield.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Durban, Jan. 16 .- (Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)-A general engagement is on. There is no

#### news from the front. FIRING AT SPRINGFIELD.

publishes the following from Pie-

termaritzburg, dated Tuesday: "Very heavy firing was heard yesterday in the direction of

BOERS LADYSMITH LOSSES.

Some Natal Dutchnear were recognized

Too British while digging graves were

Pretoria, Saturday, Jan. 11 -As a result of the bombardment of Mafeking yester-

SPECIAL BY CABILE.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 17.—(Copyright, 18c), by James Gordon Honnett.)—The Morning Post's military critic says that assuming that General Buller has gone to

more the passage to one point.

A division from Estimat, moving off when General Builer moved from Frere, would be acteened from the enemy's ob

after crossing the river, it would have a Continued on Page Two.